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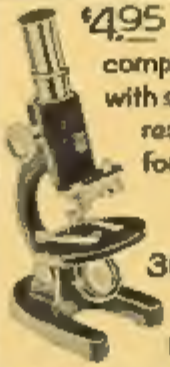

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THE KRAUTS WILL HOLD A BODY COUNT AS SOON AS IT GETS DAYLIGHT! THAT MEANS THEY'LL FIND IRISH JOE AND WHITEY TOO... AND WE'LL ALL BE KAPUT.
IF I EMPTY A CLIP AT THAT GUN AND THEN BUG OUT THEY WON'T HAVE ANY REASON TO LOOK FOR ME AT DAYLIGHT!
BUDDA BUDA BUDA
I'M STUPID... BUT LIKE THEY SAY, THERE'S A WAR ON!
BLAM BLAM BLAM
BEEEENNNG
VERDAMMT AMERIKANER!
2

GIT DOWN, MO!
SHUT UP THEY DON'T KNOW YER OUT THERE!
NEVER THOUGHT I'D MAKE IT...
... BUT I DID!
FROM HERE TO HIS OWN LINES, CPL. WOZNIAK HAD NO TROUBLE...
BETTY GRABLE!
LEGS!
... AND THE KRAUTS HIT ME WITH A SEARCHLIGHT! I WENT DOWN LIKE I WAS HIT. THEN I DID SOME FAST FIGURING!
WE HEARD THEM OPEN FIRE AGAIN! DID THEY GET WISE TO YOUR ACT?
3

NOPE! I EMPTIED A CLIP INTO THEIR FIRING SLIT, GOT THE GUNNER, THEN I HEADED FOR THE BARN WITH THEM BURNIN' AMMO EVERY JUMP!
YOU DID ALL YOU COULD FOR PADUANO AND FLINN, MO! GO SACK IN AWHILE...
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THIRD SQUAD... WHERE'S CORPORAL MOZLINSKI?
WHO KNOWS? MAYBE HE LIKES IT UP THERE AN' DECIDED TA STAY!
THE G.I. WAS JOKING, BUT THAT WAS EXACTLY WHERE MO MOZLINSKI WAS! HE WAS THINKING OF TWO MEN--IRISH JOE AND WHITEY!
... STILL, YOU'RE ABSENT FROM YOUR UNIT, CORPORAL!
I'LL JOIN 'EM AFTER A WHILE, SIR! I GOT AN IDEA...

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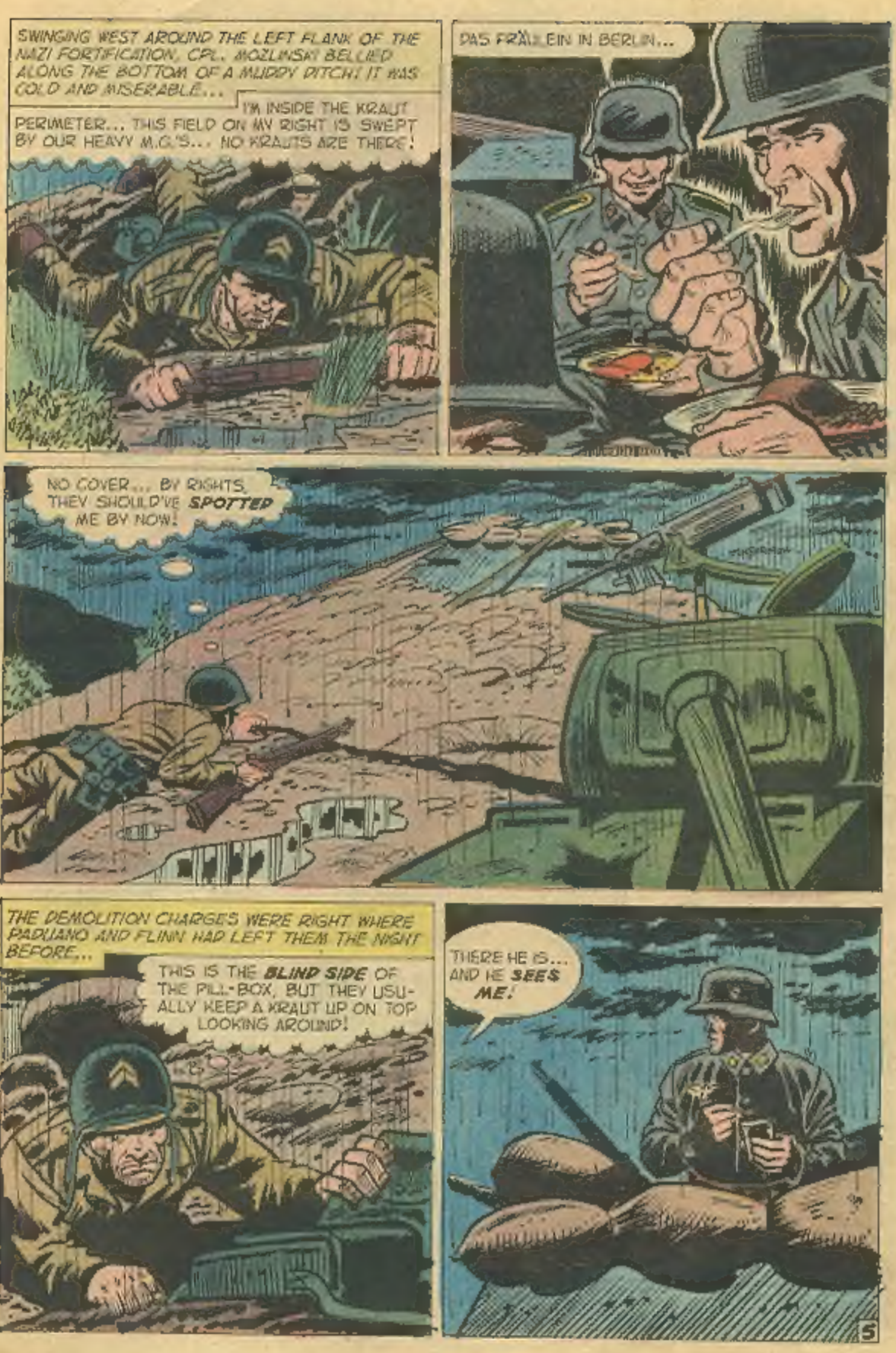
SWINGING WEST AROUND THE LEFT FLANK OF THE NAZI FORTIFICATION, CPL. MOZLINSKI BELLIED ALONG THE BOTTOM OF A MUDDY DITCH! IT WAS COLD AND MISERABLE...
I'M INSIDE THE KRAUT PERIMETER... THIS FIELD ON MY RIGHT IS SWEPT BY OUR HEAVY M.G.'S... NO KRAUTS ARE THERE!
DAS FRÄULEIN IN BERLIN...
NO COVER... BY RIGHTS, THEY SHOULD'VE SPOTTED ME BY NOW!
THE DEMOLITION CHARGES WERE RIGHT WHERE PADUANO AND FLINN HAD LEFT THEM THE NIGHT BEFORE...
THIS IS THE BLIND SIDE OF THE PILL-BOX, BUT THEY USUALLY KEEP A KRAUT UP ON TOP LOOKING AROUND!
THERE HE IS... AND HE SEES ME!
5

AMERIKANER!
KRAAK
ZZIINNG!
HE'S LOOKIN' DOWN MY THROAT! THIS TIME I WON'T GET AWAY!
SUDDENLY, SOMETHING NEW WAS ADDED... THE HEAVY, STUTTERING ROAR OF A U.S. .50 CAL. M.G... ON TOP OF THE DISABLED TANK!
I GOTTA COVER FOR MO! HE'S GOT THE DEMO CHARGES!
THERE'S JUST THIS ONE CLIP WHITEY... MAKE IT COUNT!
GOTTA HOLD BACK A FEW SECONDS...
RATATAT TAT
TATATAT
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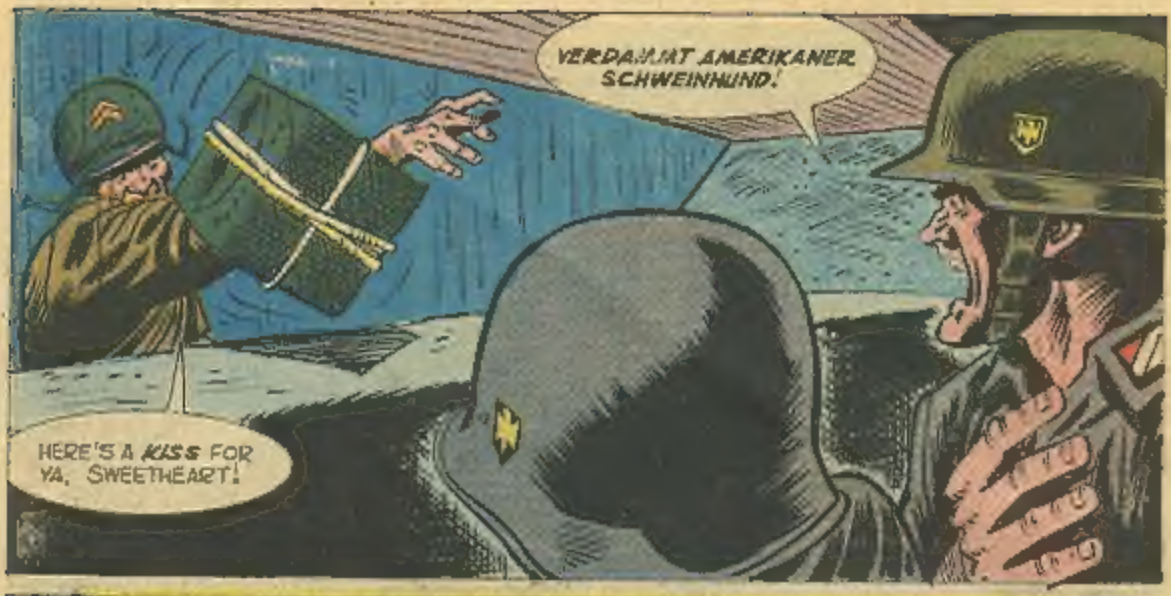
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BARRROOOOMMM
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END

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NONE OF US WILL REACH COVER. WE'RE ALL GONNA GET CREAMED RIGHT HERE ON THE BEACH!

SECOND SQUAD. COME ON!

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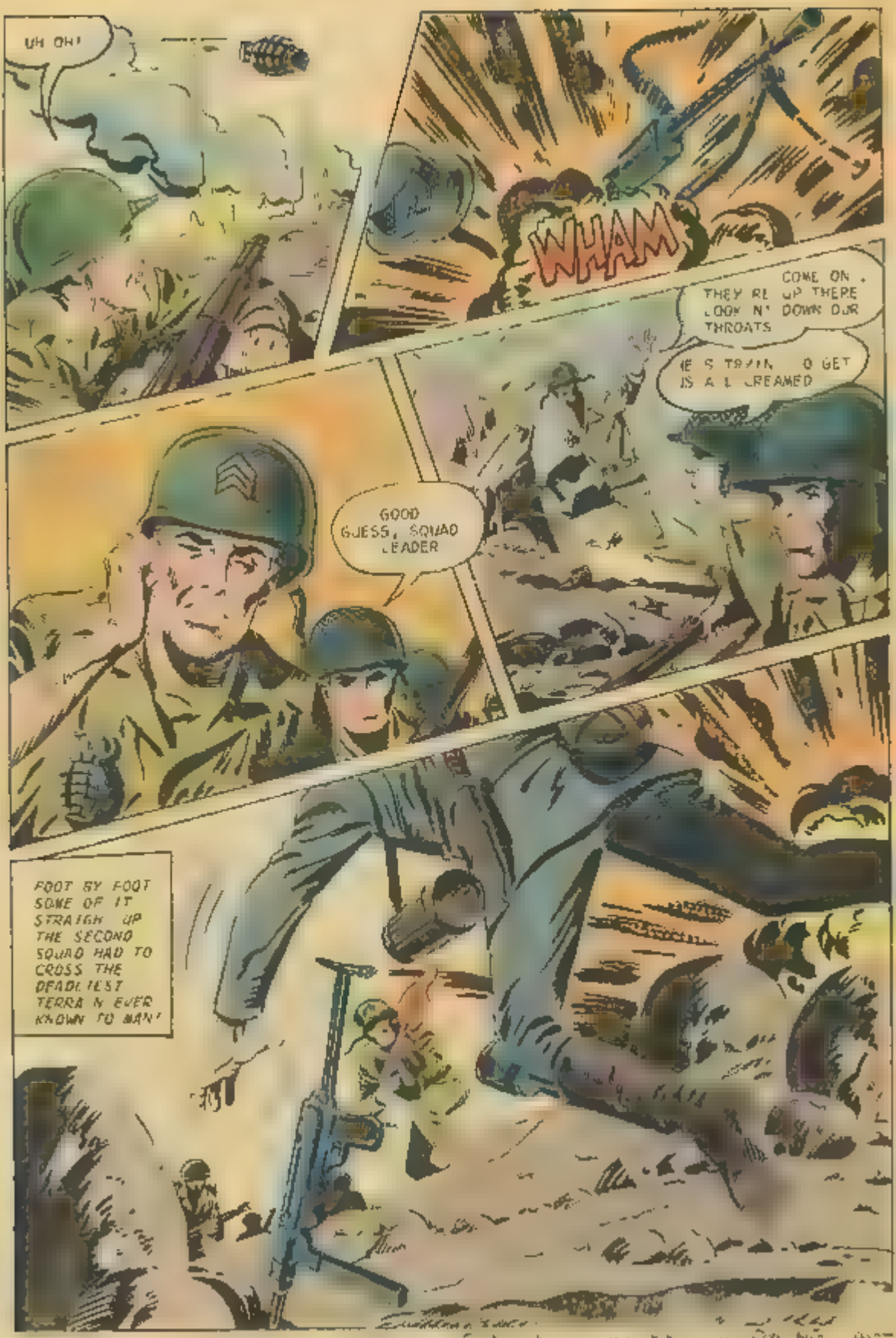
MOVE YA JUGHEADS, OR YA LL GIT CHOPPED UP HERE!
SQUAD LEADER'S GONE APE! HE'S TRYNA BE A HERO!
NO COVER THEY LL PUT A BURST INTO ME ANY SECOND
I NEED A GRENADE!
RATATATAT
ZIP ZING
I GOT SAND IN BOTH EYES
ALSO! I GOTTA GET RID OF THIS LIVE GRENADE!
SARGE GIT DOWN!
GOTTA UN DAD THIS NOT GR NAD!
I GOTTA GUESS!


UH OH!
WHAM
COME ON . THEY RE UP THERE LOOK N' DOWN OUR THROATS
IE S TRYIN O GET IS A L CREAMED
GOOD GUESS, SQUAD LEADER
FOOT BY FOOT SOME OF IT STRAIGH UP THE SECOND SQUAD HAD TO CROSS THE DEADLIEST TERRA N EVER KNOWN TO MAN!

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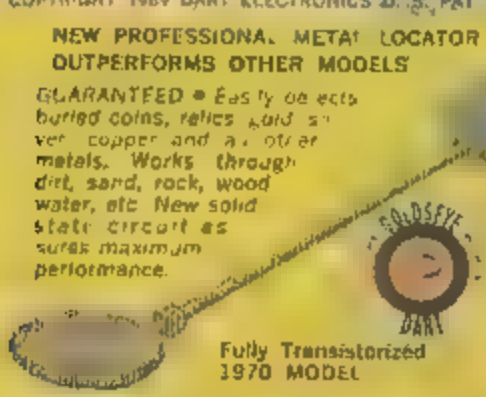

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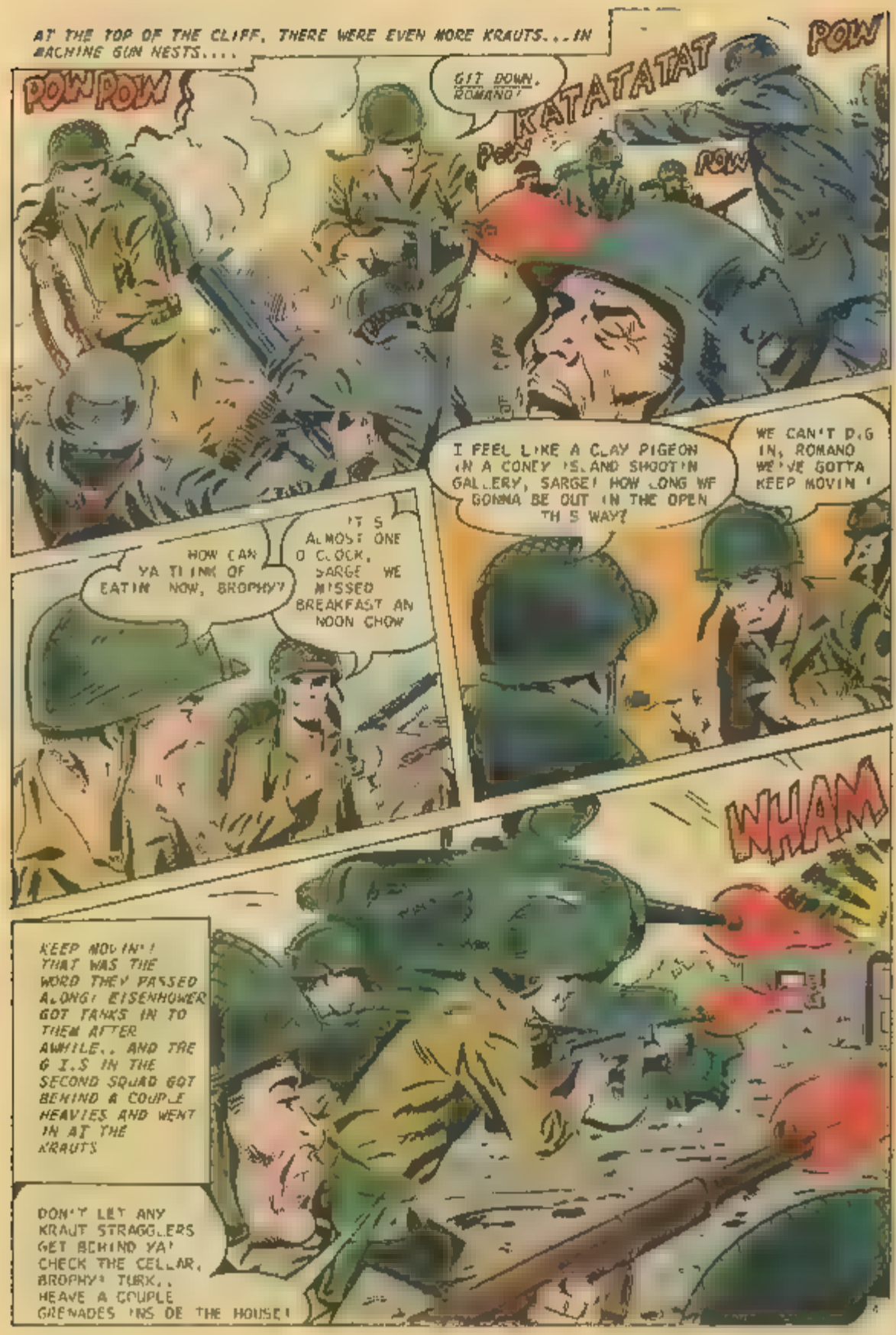
AT THE TOP OF THE CLIFF, THERE WERE EVEN MORE KRAUTS...IN MACHINE GUN NESTS....
POW POW
GIT DOWN, ROMANO!
POW
KATATATAT
POW
POW
I FEEL LIKE A CLAY PIGEON IN A CONEY ISLAND SHOOTIN GALLERY, SARGE! HOW LONG WE GONNA BE OUT IN THE OPEN THIS WAY?
WE CAN'T DIG IN, ROMANO WE'VE GOTTA KEEP MOVIN'
HOW CAN YA THINK OF EATIN NOW, BROPHY?
IT'S ALMOST ONE O CLOCK, SARGE WE MISSED BREAKFAST AN NOON CHOW
WHAM
KEEP MOVIN'! THAT WAS THE WORD THEY PASSED ALONG! EISENHOWER GOT TANKS IN TO THEM AFTER AWHILE.. AND THE G.I.S IN THE SECOND SQUAD GOT BEHIND A COUPLE HEAVIES AND WENT IN AT THE KRAUTS
DON'T LET ANY KRAUT STRAGGLERS GET BEHIND YA! CHECK THE CELLAR, BROPHY! TURK, HEAVE A COUPLE GRENADES INSIDE THE HOUSE!

TWO AM AND SGT. COLL HAD AGED TWENTY YEARS SINCE NOON! THREE MEMBERS OF THE SECOND SQUAD WERE DEAD SOMEWHERE BETWEEN THEM AND NORMANDY BEACH! TWO OTHERS WERE WAITING WOUNDED..
I SENT YA BACK TO THE DRESSING STATION, ROMANO! ALL YOU GOTTA DO IS LET 'EM FIX YOU UP AND WAIT FOR THEM TO COME AROUND WITH THE PURPLE HEARTS!
I CAN STILL FIRE AN M1 SARGE I'LL STICK WITH THE SQUAD
HAVE ARMM ARTILLERY ON THE KRAUTS IN THAT HEDGEROW SERGEANT I'M GOING TO CALL FOR A BARRAGE , THE PLATOON WILL ATTACK SIXTY SECONDS AFTER THE FIRST 155MM SHELLS FALL ON THEM
ZIP
WHEEEE-WHEEET
LET'S GO BOYS .. BACK INTO THE SHOOTIN GALLERY!
KEEP DOWN .FIRE WHEN YA SEE SOMETHIN' MOVE
I . I'M HIT SARGE
CAN'T STOP HERE, TURK...COME ON!
ZIP
VIP
ZIP
WHAM

IT WAS BAD ENOUGH FOR THE G I S ATTACKING ACROSS OPEN FIELDS. BUT THEN THE RAINS CAME SGT COLL AND THE SECOND SQUAD GOT WET IN A
JUST I HEAR OTHER
SERGEANT
PEN FOR BENSON
AN
THEY RE DEAD
BUDDY
VIP
VIP
FOR FOURTEEN LONG HOURS, THE SECOND SQUAD
MEN SOME FRIGHTENED HEY PERFORMED ACTS
OF HEROISM BEYOND BELIEF AND DIDN T EVEN
REALIZE IT!
WHAT S YOUR OUTFIT, SERGEANT? SEE ANY ACTION TODAY?
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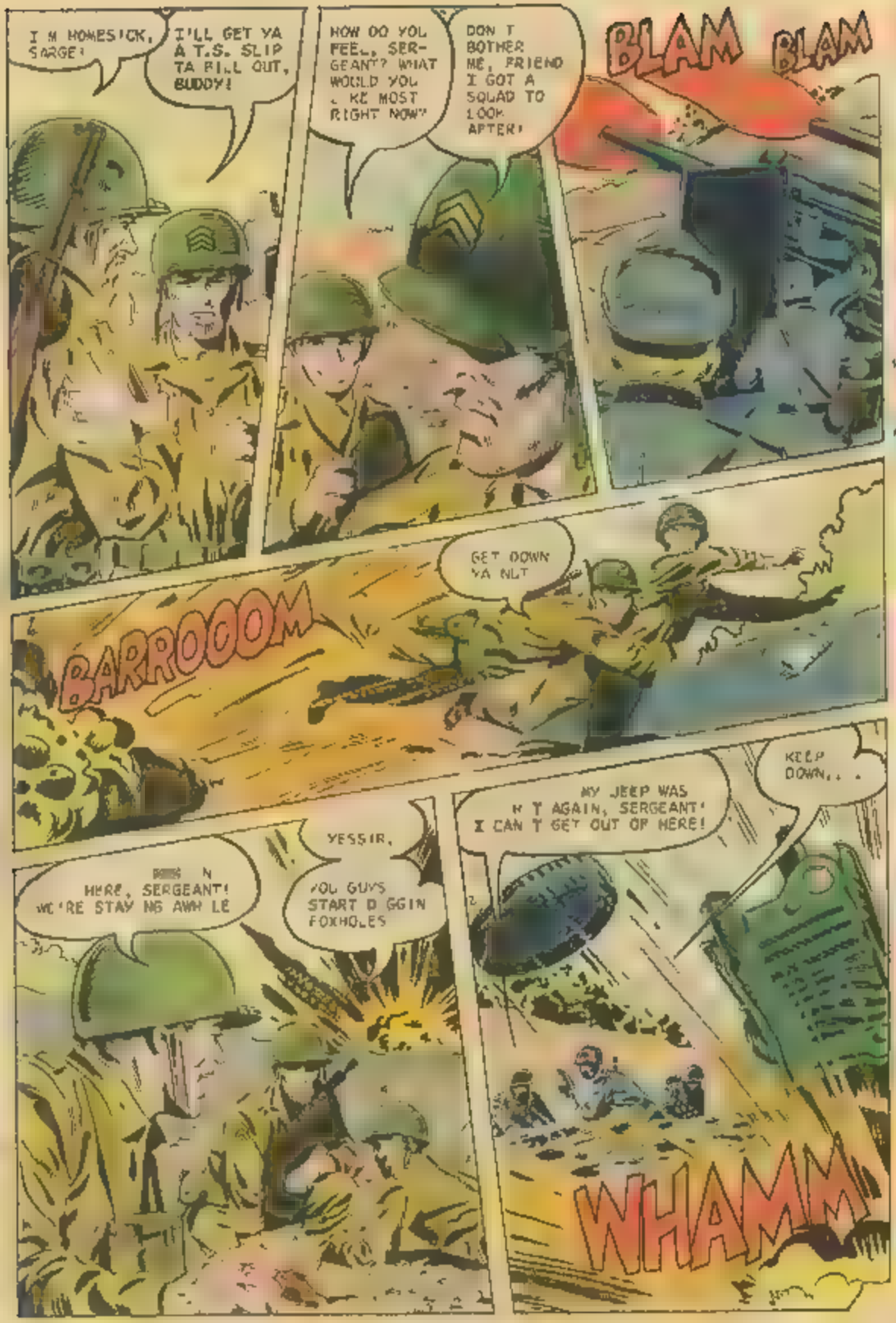
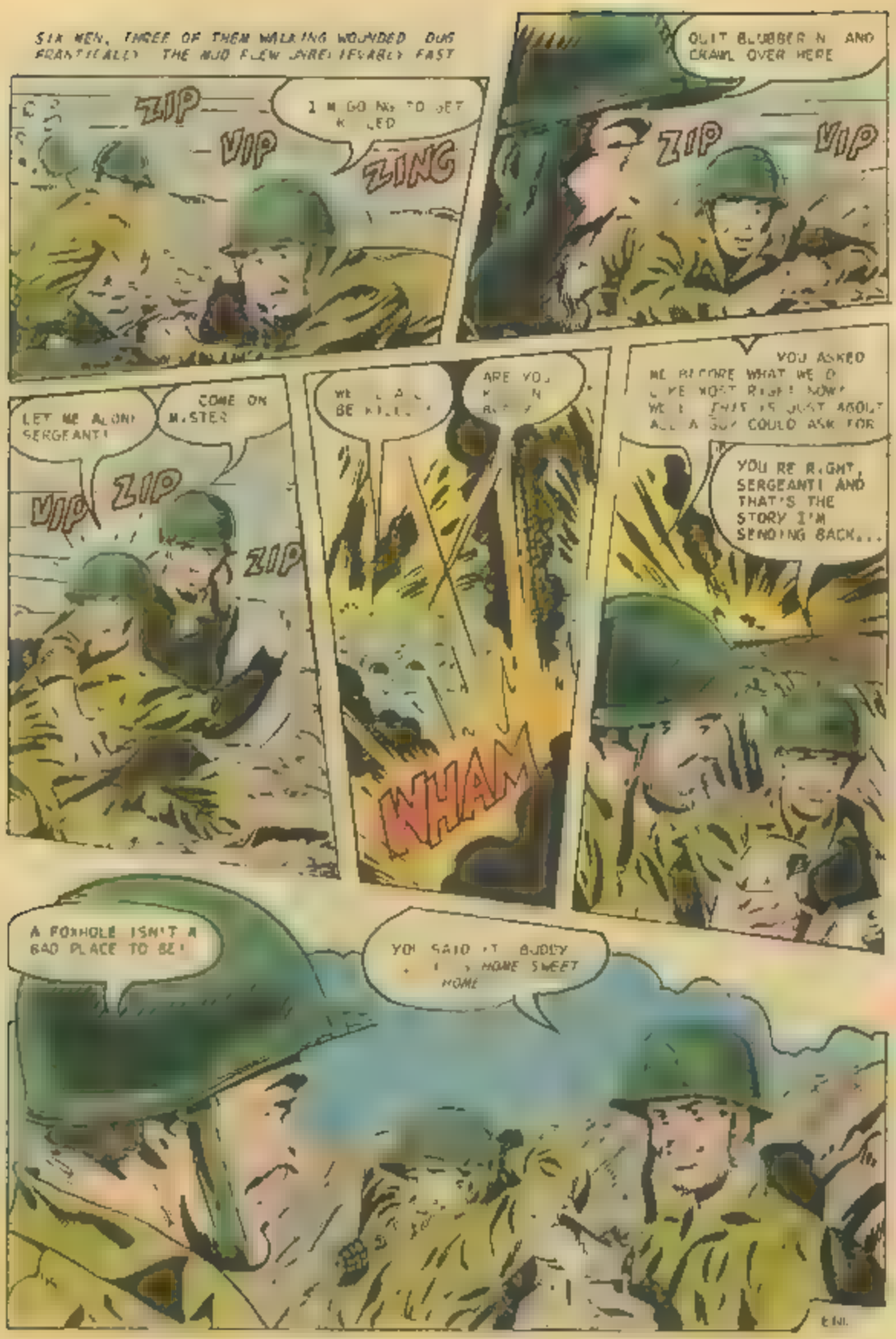

I M HOMESICK, SARGE!
I'LL GET YA A T.S. SLIP TA FILL OUT, BUDDY!
HOW DO YOU FEEL, SERGEANT? WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE MOST RIGHT NOW?
DON T BOTHER ME, FRIEND I GOT A SQUAD TO LOOK AFTER!
BLAM BLAM
GET DOWN YA NUT
BARROOOM
KEEP DOWN...
MY JEEP WAS H T AGAIN, SERGEANT! I CAN T GET OUT OF HERE!
YESSIR,
YOU GUYS START D GGIN FOXHOLES
HERE, SERGEANT! WE'RE STAY NG AWH LE
WHAMM


SIX MEN, THREE OF THEM WALKING WOUNDED DUG FRANTICALLY THE MUD FLEW INCREDIBLY FAST
ZIP
VIP
ZING
I'M GO NA TO GET K LED
QUIT BLUBBER N AND CRAWL OVER HERE
ZIP
VIP
YOU ASKED ME BEFORE WHAT WE D VE MOST RIGHT NOW? WE THIS IS JUST ABOUT ALL A GUY COULD ASK FOR
LET ME ALONE SERGEANT!
COME ON MISTER
VIP
ZIP
ZIP
WE A BE KILL
ARE YOU K N
WHAM
YOU RE RIGHT, SERGEANT! AND THAT'S THE STORY I'M SENDING BACK...
A FOXHOLE ISN'T A BAD PLACE TO BE!
YOU SAID IT BUDDY HOME SWEET HOME
THE END

STIRRUP SENSE!

In the seventh century, there came from [illegible] a fighter who had [illegible]. As a boy he had visited the important cities of the land. He compared the luxury and ease of the people in the walled cities with the kind of life he, his father, and his people led. He came to the conclusion that the only life worth living was the tough, hard, and fighting one. His name was Masul and he became leader of his tribe.

Now it is one thing to feel you want [illegible] with but a small army. And it [illegible] something else to try to turn that dream into reality. It probably would have gotten no further than perhaps day dreaming were it not for Ben Amed. We know nothing of the early life of this great military genius, inventor, strategist, and in his later life ruler [illegible].

But their paths crossed and it became the task of Ben Amed to create a fighting force that would be the finest in its day. He did draw up plans for each battle, campaign or attack that was to be made. And now Hanut, head of his intelligence staff, told him the news.

"Prince Issam Brood is collecting a large fighting force. He is uniting the tribes in the South. He will then challenge you to an open fight. If you refuse, he will brand you a coward. That will [illegible] more tribes to his standard. And if you should accept the offer to fight, those Masa Tribesmen will wreak havoc with their swords."

The swords of the enemy must first [illegible] the hordes of our men to strike. If they can't do this they are defeated. The Masa Tribesmen are only fighters on their horses. On foot, they are useless and can be defeated," said Ben Amed.

"From which I figure that if we can get them off their horses, then victory will be ours," smiled Hanut. "I am certain you must have a plan in mind."

"I do," replied Ben Amed. "You leave at once. You will take my quickest galley. The winds are favorable. By tomorrow you must be across the straits. You go to the court of Prince Sala-[illegible]. His [illegible] is Count Arrozan. You deliver a message to him that I will write. As a token of good faith I have [illegible]. He owes this to me.

[illegible] Hanut [illegible] to the [illegible] up beside the Prince.

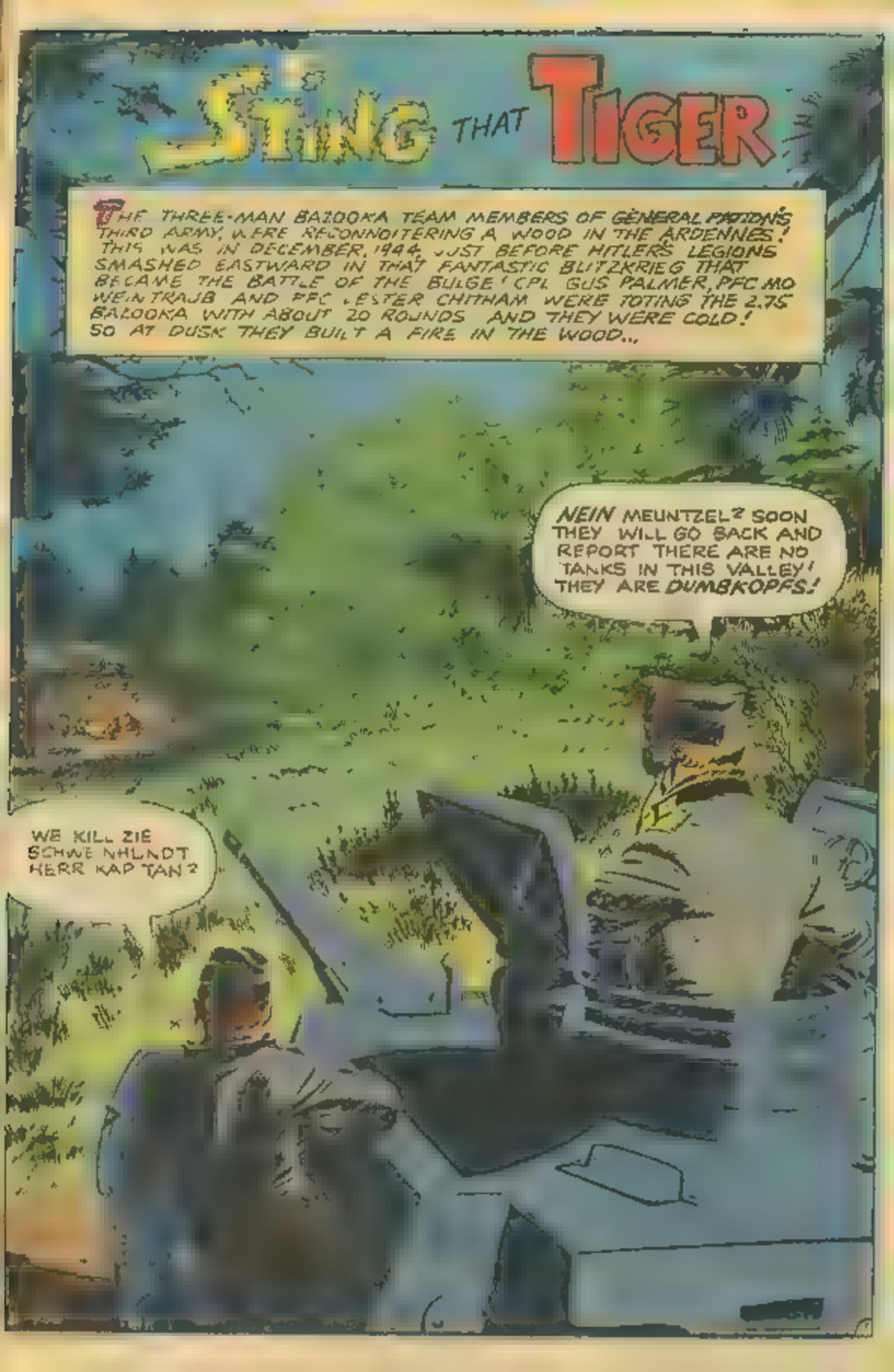
"All I know is that Ben Amed wants my help. He has sent a box of gold and jewels. To bring as many lances and stirrups for horses as I can gather. Also to come with a dozen of my best knights. To teach some of his chosen soldiers something. But what? This he does not write in the message. So I leave as requested. We have a treaty with Lan. And this I honor in your name."

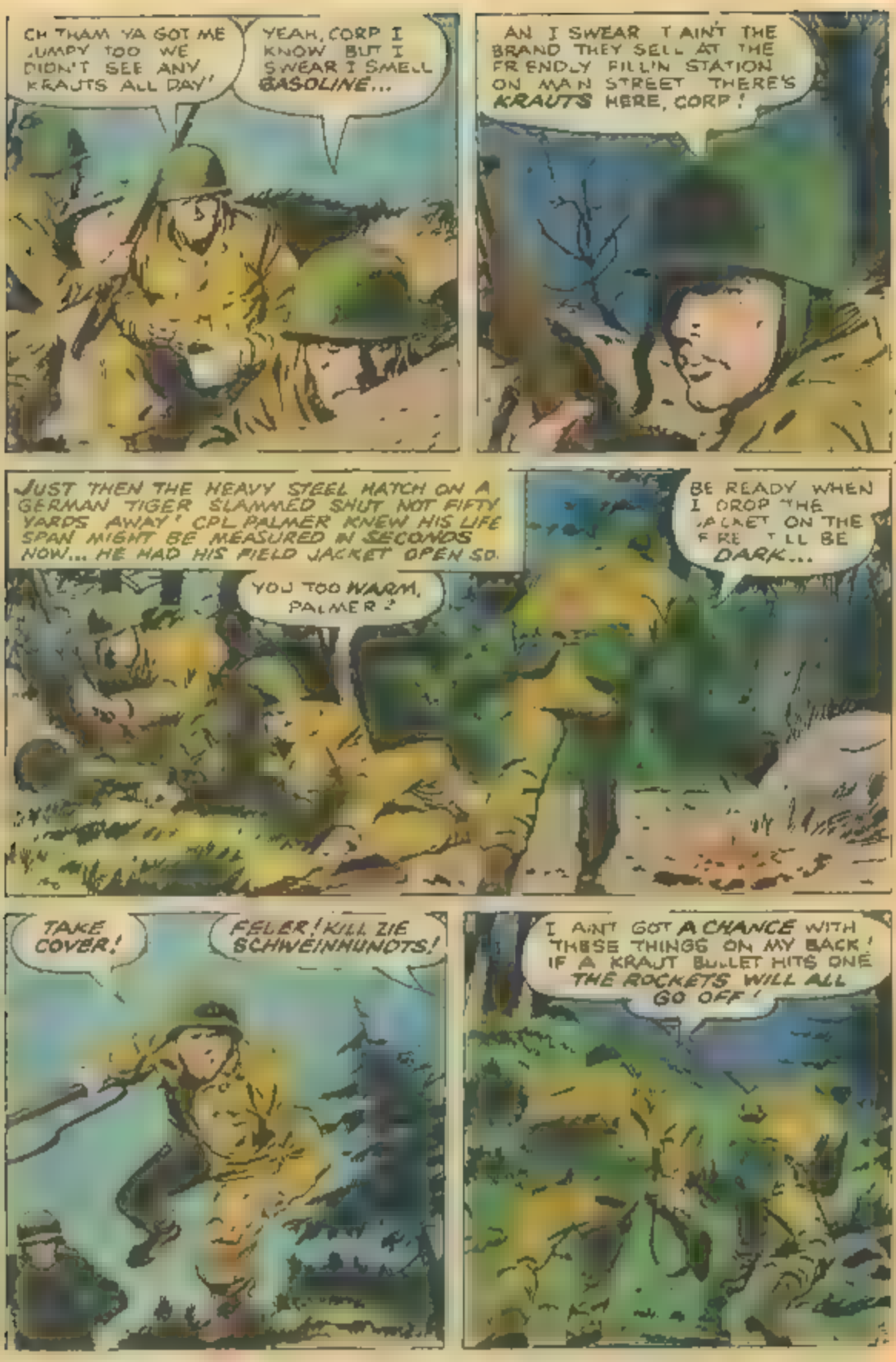
Three days later, Count Arrozan was with Ben Amed, Yasul Hanut and several leaders of the fighting forces. Ben Amed spoke what was on his mind.

"The Masa Tribesmen ride their horses only with the pressure of their feet. They know nothing about the use of the stirrups. That is my plan. You will show some of my men how to ride with the stirrups. They will use the long lance to unseat the enemy. Once off their horses, [illegible] necessary. Then victory will be ours."

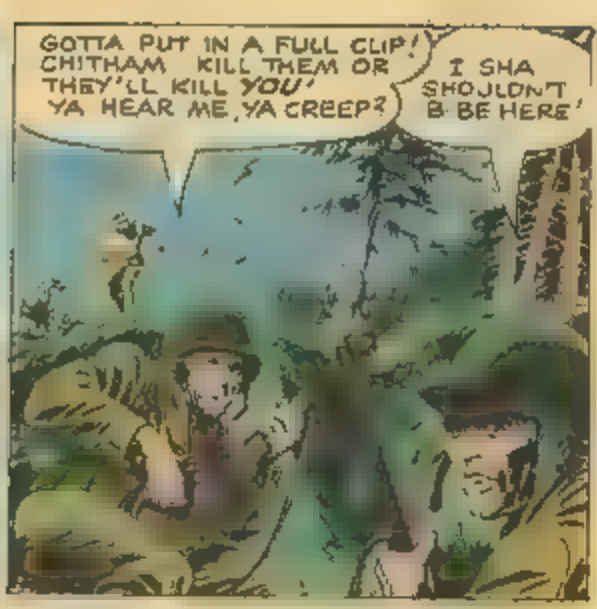
It was a rather surprised Prince Issam Brood [illegible] an acceptance of the offer to fight. Mounted men against mounted men. So he held a great celebration. Victory would soon be his. And when the day came, the sky was clear. [illegible] went into battle the Masa Tribesmen. With their swords in hand, they rose to meet the enemy. But when they came within striking distance [illegible] were unhorsed by long lances. And soon [illegible] Count Arrozan and his knights had joined in the battle.

[illegible] head of Prince Issam Brood now adorned a pike. War here wasn't exactly gentle in those days. The amount of booty was enormous. And Ben Amed saw to it that a large share went to Count Arrozan and his knights for their help in turning what might have been a great defeat into an overwhelming victory. There were three days of [illegible] to their homeland. And the empire of Yasul had again been extended.

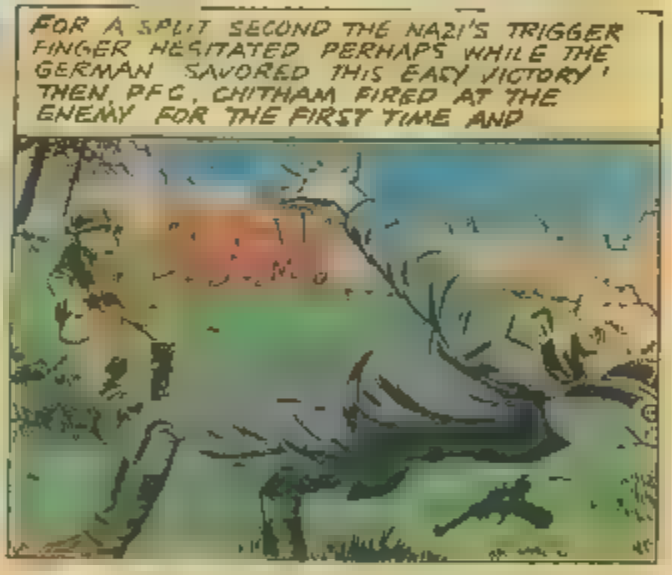

STING THAT TIGER
THE THREE-MAN BAZOOKA TEAM MEMBERS OF GENERAL PATTON'S THIRD ARMY, WERE RECONNOITERING A WOOD IN THE ARDENNES! THIS WAS IN DECEMBER, 1944, JUST BEFORE HITLER'S LEGIONS SMASHED EASTWARD IN THAT FANTASTIC BLITZKRIEG THAT BECAME THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE! CPL GUS PALMER, PFC MO WEINTRAUB AND PFC LESTER CHITHAM WERE TOTING THE 2.75 BAZOOKA WITH ABOUT 20 ROUNDS AND THEY WERE COLD! SO AT DUSK THEY BUILT A FIRE IN THE WOOD...
NEIN MEUNTZEL! SOON THEY WILL GO BACK AND REPORT THERE ARE NO TANKS IN THIS VALLEY! THEY ARE DUMBKOPFS!
WE KILL ZIE SCHWEINHUNDT HERR KAPTAN?


CH THAM YA GOT ME JUMPY TOO WE DIDN'T SEE ANY KRAUTS ALL DAY!
YEAH, CORP I KNOW BUT I SWEAR I SMELL GASOLINE...
AN I SWEAR T AINT THE BRAND THEY SELL AT THE FRENDLY FILLIN STATION ON MAN STREET THERE'S KRAUTS HERE, CORP!
JUST THEN THE HEAVY STEEL HATCH ON A GERMAN TIGER SLAMMED SHUT NOT FIFTY YARDS AWAY! CPL PALMER KNEW HIS LIFE SPAN MIGHT BE MEASURED IN SECONDS NOW... HE HAD HIS FIELD JACKET OPEN SO
YOU TOO WARM, PALMER?
BE READY WHEN I DROP THE JACKET ON THE FRE T'LL BE DARK...
TAKE COVER!
FELER! KILL ZIE SCHWEINHUNDTS!
I AINT GOT A CHANCE WITH THESE THINGS ON MY BACK! IF A KRAUT BULLET HITS ONE THE ROCKETS WILL ALL GO OFF!

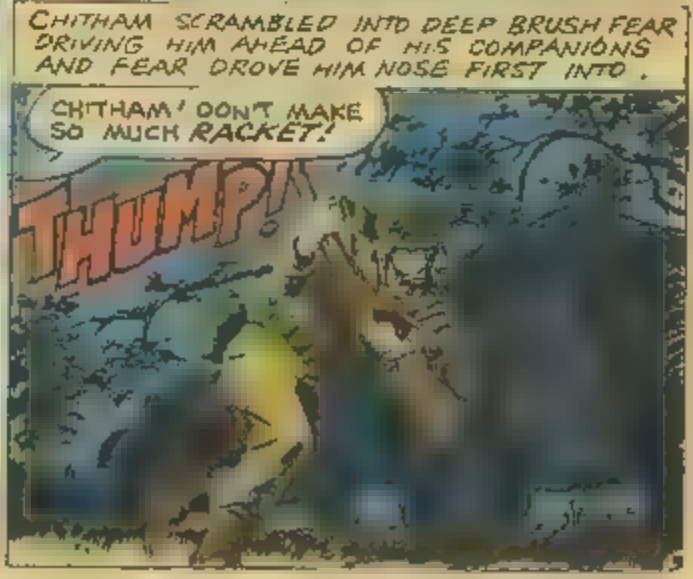
COME! WE MUST DESTROY THEM BEFORE THEY REPORT WE ARE HERE!


GOTTA PUT IN A FULL CLIP! CHITHAM KILL THEM OR THEY'LL KILL YOU! YA HEAR ME, YA CREEP?
I SHA SHOULDN'T B BE HERE!

YOU SNIVELING COWARD! YOU DESERVE DEATH!
NO NO, DON'T KILL ME! I M A

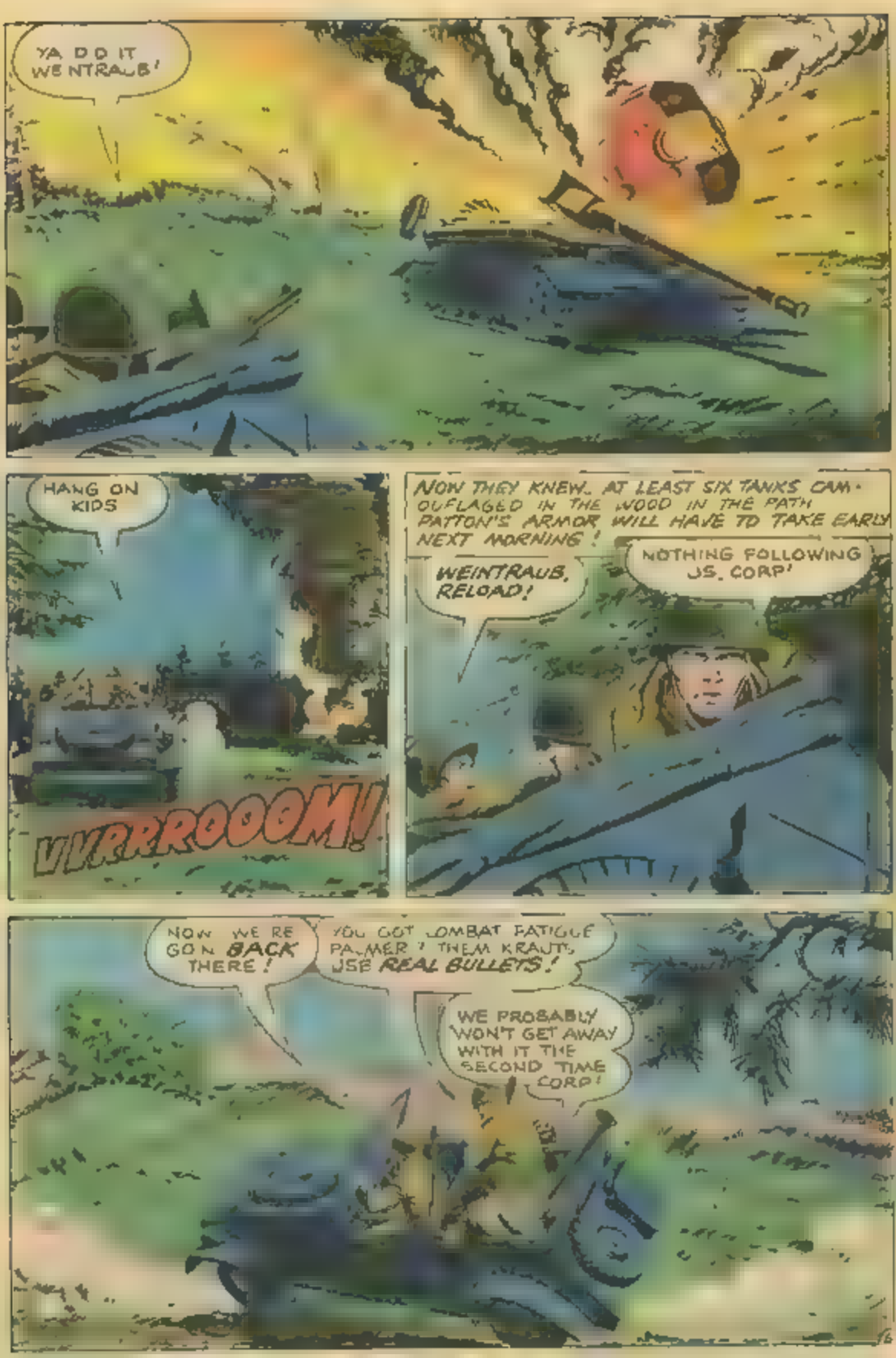

FOR A SPLIT SECOND THE NAZI'S TRIGGER FINGER HESITATED PERHAPS WHILE THE GERMAN SAVORED THIS EASY VICTORY! THEN PFC. CHITHAM FIRED AT THE ENEMY FOR THE FIRST TIME AND

GOT THE PIPE!
YEAH WE BETTER FIND A HOLE AN HIDE BOSS THE PLACE S LOUSY WITH KRAUTS!

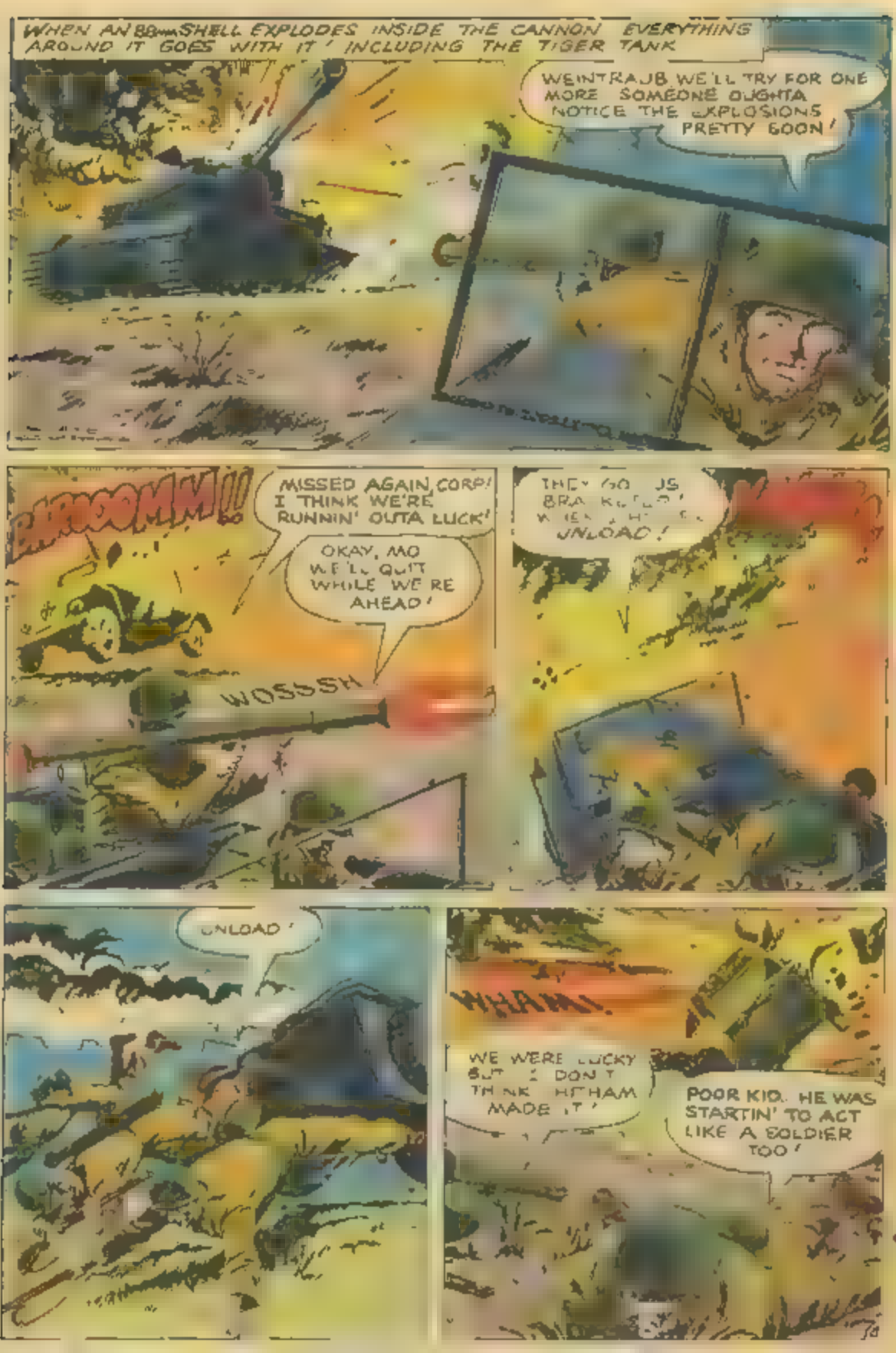

CHITHAM SCRAMBLED INTO DEEP BRUSH FEAR DRIVING HIM AHEAD OF HIS COMPANIONS AND FEAR DROVE HIM NOSE FIRST INTO .
CHITHAM! DON'T MAKE SO MUCH RACKET!
THUMP!

CPL PALMER FOUND CHITHAM LEANING GROGGILY AGAINST THE KRAUT COMMAND CAR
THEY PROBABLY HEARD THAT!
GET IN THE FRONT SEAT, CHITHAM! WEINTRAUB, JUMP IN THE BACK AND LOAD THAT PIPE!
IF YA SEE A TANK MO PUNCH A HOLE IN IT WITH THAT TH NG!
GOTTA HIT IT JUST RIGHT, CORP!
THESE 2 75 BAZOOKA SHELLS BOUNCE OFF ARMOR LKE RAIN OFF A TIN ROOF IF THEY DON'T HIT EXACTLY R GHT!
HANG ON TROOPS! HERE WE GO!
TURN ON THE COMBAT LGHTS!
AS CPL GUS PALMER GUNNED THE LITTLE NAZI VEHICLE THROUGH THE DARKNESS SUDDENLY THE DARKNESS WAS BANISHED AND THE 88 MM CANNON STARTED TO SWING AROUND TO LINE UP ON THEM
ONE ROUND ZIE AMERIKANERS IST KAPUT!
F RE A ROUND WEINTRAUB
CHITHAM, FIRE AT THE LIGHT...

WHROOSH!
YA MISSED WEINTRAUB!
3
RATATATA RATATATA!
YA STUPID YELLA BELLIED CREEP! FIRE AT THAT LIGHT! WEINTRAUB, RELOAD!
YEEEEEEEEE!
RATATA RATATATA!
IF YA DON'T GET THE LIGHT, THEY'LL KILL YA
THUKK!!
I GOT IT CPL!
RELOAD WEINTRAUB AN CUN'T MISS THIS TIME!
WHOOOSHH!
THIS TIME BABY!


YA DO IT WEINTRAUB!
HANG ON KIDS
VVRRROOOM!
NOW THEY KNEW.. AT LEAST SIX TANKS CAMOUFLAGED IN THE WOOD IN THE PATH PATTON'S ARMOR WILL HAVE TO TAKE EARLY NEXT MORNING!
WEINTRAUB, RELOAD!
NOTHING FOLLOWING US, CORP!
NOW WE'RE GO'N BACK THERE!
YOU GOT COMBAT FATIGUE PALMER? THEM KRAUTS USE REAL BULLETS!
WE PROBABLY WON'T GET AWAY WITH IT THE SECOND TIME CORP!

I KNOW BUT IF WE DON'T NAIL THE TANKS THEY'LL WIPE OUT A LOT OF OUR ARMOR WE'RE THE ONLY ONES CAN STOP EM!
JUST MY LUCK TO WIND UP WITH A HERO!
READY MO! I'M GONNA STOP JUST LONG ENOUGH FOR YOU TO FIRE!
CHITHAM GET BACK IN THE WAR AN KILL THAT NAZI!
WEINTRAUB LOOKED AT THE SQUAT DEADLY TIGER RAISED HIS BAZOOKA AND GENTLY PRESSED THE TRIGGER!
CAN'T AIM RIGHT.. I MISSED!
OHH MOTHER!
IF THAT GOES OFF THERE WON'T BE ENOUGH OF US LEFT TO IDENTIFY!
CHITHAM DO IT!
YEAH IT MAY WORK!


WHEN AN 88mm SHELL EXPLODES INSIDE THE CANNON EVERYTHING AROUND IT GOES WITH IT ! INCLUDING THE TIGER TANK
WE'LL TRY FOR ONE MORE SOMEONE OUGHTA NOTICE THE EXPLOSIONS PRETTY SOON!
BARROOM!!!
MISSED AGAIN, CORP! I THINK WE'RE RUNNIN' OUTA LUCK!
OKAY, MO WE'LL QUIT WHILE WE'RE AHEAD!
WOSSSH
UNLOAD!
UNLOAD!
WHAM!
WE WERE LUCKY BUT I DON'T THINK HE'HAM MADE IT!
POOR KID. HE WAS STARTIN' TO ACT LIKE A SOLDIER TOO!

I HEARD THAT CORPORAL HEY DO I GET A PURPLE HEART?
MAYBE MORE'N ONE HERO' COME ON LET'S GET OUTA THIS AREA FAST!
S THAT THING LOADED, WEINTRAUB?
NO AN' NOW'S NOT THE TIME TA DO IT!
THEY'RE GONNA NAIL US, CORP!
KEEP GOIN GET AS FAR FROM THEM AS POSSIBLE!
WHAM!
THE 55MM HOWITZER BARRAGE BLASTED EVERY NAZI TANK N THE WOOD WHICH CPL PALMER WEINTRAUB AND CHITHAM REPORTED LATER!
HOW'D YA KNOW OUR ARTILLERY WAS GONNA ZERO IN CORP?
NONE OF OUR UNITS WAS IN THE VALLEY THEY ALWAYS FIRE ON ENEMY TERRITORY WHEN THEY SEE FLASHES OR DETECT HEAVY ARMOR MOVING AROUND!

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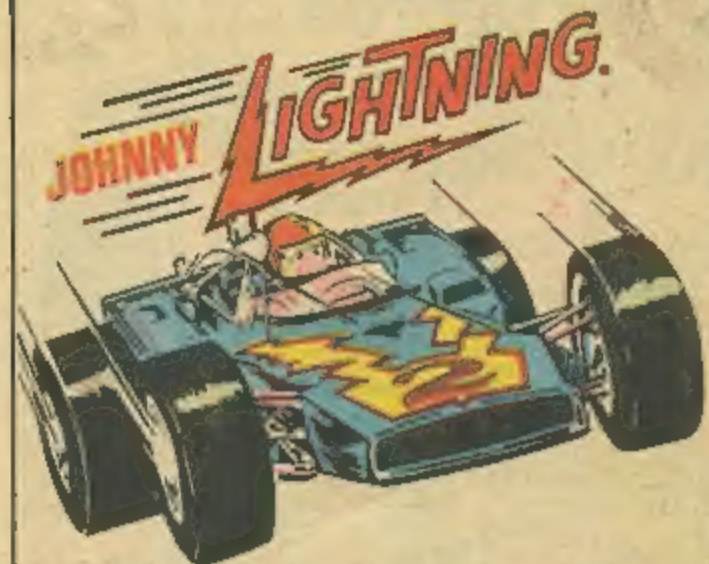

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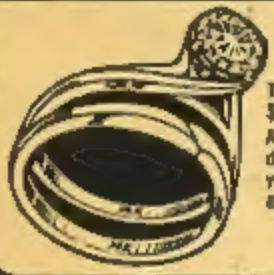

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